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**PYLONS INSTALLED ON BADGERS  
CAM RANH BAY AIRFIELD, VIETNAM (SWN)**

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE IDENTIFICATION OF PYLONS ON BADGER AIRCRAFT AT CAM RANH BAY AIRFIELD PROVIDES FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE (ASM) OPERATIONS. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: PYLONS WERE CONFIRMED UNDER THE WINGS OF FOUR OF THE FIVE BADGER C MODIFIED STRIKE AIRCRAFT AT CAM RANH BAY AIRFIELD. DUE TO OBLIQUITY, PYLONS WERE OBSERVED ONLY ON THE PORT WINGS OF THE FOUR BADGER. NO PYLONS WERE OBSERVED ON THE FIFTH STRIKE AIRCRAFT. THE FIVE STRIKE AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTEDLY FLOWN TO VIETNAM IN EARLY DECEMBER 1983 WITHOUT THE PYLONS. THE PYLONS WERE PROBABLY MOUNTED ON THE AIRCRAFT                      WHEN A DOLLY AND AT LEAST NINE CRATES, PROBABLY CONTAINING THE PYLONS, WERE OBSERVED ON THE FLIGHTLINE IN THE VICINITY OF THE BADGERS. THE REMAINING TWO BADGER E/J AND TWO BADGER TANKER COMPRISE THE REST OF THE SOVIET BADGER SQUADRON. NO ASM OR SOVIET STYLE ASM SUPPORT FACILITIES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AT CAM RANH. (SWN) (SOUTHEAST ASIA TEAM                     )
3. BE 0740-08403, COORDINATES 11-59-43N 109-13-25E (S)
4. COLLATERAL REFERENCES: IIR 5 376 6013 83, TU-16 BADGER C, PROBABLE MOD'S ENROUTE CAM RANH BAY (U) 831202 (SECRET) CIA/OIA 232215Z FEB 84, SOVIET NAVAL BADGERS EQUIPPED FOR AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE OPERATIONS FROM CAM RANH BAY, VIETNAM (S,                     )

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